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body identify a pest in this particular room that we might like to...now, Senator Chambers, appropriate that you would step forward as I am saying that, but what I was going to say is that at any given time, Senator Chambers might consider any one of us a pest. And if Senator Chambers or any one of us had a pesticide applicator's license, according to this statute I would assume that they could legally use a licensed pesticide to eradicate that pest. And I am not sure what the courts might do to interpret that legal eradi.. "eradification." And if they didn't have a legal license, perhaps the defense might argue that they should simply be fined because they didn't have the appropriate license to eradicate that pest; my point being, in using a little levity, that perhaps we might look at the definition of pest in our state statute and might, in the future, more narrowly define that, and I think to be able to do that is a very easy mechanism because we already have a Nebraska Pesticide Act Rules and Regulations Advisory Committee and they have a composition already made up, and since there are a number of other states that have a more narrowly defined definition, before somebody tries to use this as a way to eradicate a pest, perhaps we could do something to change that section of our statutes. In looking at other statutes, I find no other state that has such a broad definition that includes all terrestrial and, in fact, all life in Nebraska is subject to "eradification." Whoever wrote this must not have liked life too well. Thank you. I withdraw my amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have nothing further pending to LB 329.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: We are now debating advancement of the bill. Senator Beutler. Further debate on advancement? Senator Wickersham, you are recognized to close.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. Speaker, this bill has had a little bit of a difficult history but I think that we can see by the fact that all the pending amendments were withdrawn that we have been able to reach a resolution of some difficult issues. The remaining difficult issue is whether NRDsS will step up to the plate, and whether they will think water quality programs are as important as we do. I would add my voice to Senator Schrock's and hope that they would recognize the effort that we have made